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In re Application of:

LAUFF, Markus, et al.

U.S. Application No.: 10/583,184

PCT No.: PCT/EP2004/053478

International Filing Date: 15 December 2004

Priority Date: 18 December 2003 Atty's Docket No.: 2058.101US1

For: METHOD AND COMPUTER

SYSTEM FOR DOCUMENT

**AUTHORING** 

DECISION ON SECOND RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is issued in response to applicants' "Second Renewed Petition Under Rule 1.47(a)" filed 05 September 2008. No additional petition fee is required.

## **BACKGROUND**

The procedural background for this application was set forth in the decisions mailed on 03 March 2008 and 02 July 2008. These decisions dismissed without prejudice applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) for failure to satisfy all the requirements of a grantable petition. Specifically, the most recent decision indicated that applicants had failed to provide an acceptable showing that one of the two non-signing inventors, Florent NICOULAND, refuses to execute the application or cannot be located after diligent effort.

On 05 September 2008, applicants filed the second renewed petition considered herein.

## **DISCUSSION**

The second renewed petition includes a declaration executed by one of the two previously non-signing inventors, Florent NICOULAND. The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is therefore most with respect to this inventor.

As indicated in the previous decision, applicants have satisfied all the requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) with respect to the other non-signing inventor, Samuel RETHORE. Granting of the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) with respect to inventor Samuel RETHORE is therefore appropriate.

## **CONCLUSION**

The second renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED** to the extent that the application is accepted without the signature of Samuel RETHORE.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT** with respect to previously non-signing inventor Florent NICOULAND.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(a), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to non-signing inventor Samuel RETHORE at the last known address set forth in the petition materials, and notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(a) will be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing in accord with this decision. The date under 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 05 September 2008.

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METHOD AND COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR DOCUMENT AUTHORING

## Dear Mr. RETHORE:

You are identified as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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